

SOUTH AFRICA.

Boer Force Carrying Off British Prisoners Forced to Abandon Their Guns.

Lord Frederick Temple Blackwood, Fourth Son of the Marquis of Dufferin, Wounded.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The position of Cape Colony is hanging in the balance.

According to the morning Post's Cape Town correspondent, everything depends upon the quantity of ammunition in possession of the disloyal Dutch residents, fifteen hundred of whom have joined the Boers in the Philippine district alone.

Most of the despatches from Cape Town, however, describe the raiders as doing little harm, and as being rapidly enclosed by Lord Kitchener's combination.

The Standard's Cape Town correspondent says the loyalists demand that martial law shall be proclaimed throughout Cape Colony, but adds: "Such a step is now impossible owing to the lack of sufficient troops to enforce it."

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Cape Town says: "The pro-Boer press are singularly quiet. It has been made uneasy by the promptness and thoroughness of the military action, but reports from various parts of the western province forebadow serious possibilities."

A responsible colonist who recently made a tour of the colony, declares that 80 per cent of the Dutch are simply waiting for the appearance of a resourceful leader to rebel.

"Civil railway traffic has been suspended largely in all parts of the Colony, and the movements of both the Boers and British are almost unknown in Cape Town. It appears that one Boer column attacked Steynsburg, but was repulsed, trenching itself in the mountains. Another Boer commando captured a party of police at Ventersdorp, Dec. 23, and after a brisk exchange of volleys, retired with a loss of two men."

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Lord Kitchener, telegraphing to the war office under date of Naauwpoort, Dec. 24, 9 a. m., reports: "Thorneycroft's mounted infantry have occupied Britstown without opposition. The Boers retired to the north in the direction of Prieska. They will be followed up."

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 24.—Regular railway service between Cape Town and De Aar has been restored. The report of the destruction of a bridge south of De Aar turns out to be incorrect, only culvert was damaged. Trains are running from De Aar to Kimberley irregularly. There are considerable delays elsewhere as the result of heavy rains.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Dec. 27.—The government has asked the governor, the Earl of Ranfurly, to inform Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state of the colonies, that it does not wish the New Zealand contingent in South Africa to be diminished, that drafts will be forwarded to fill the ranks, and that additional mounted men will be sent.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 25.—Fighting is going on near De Aar. Particulars are unobtainable. Two hundred Boers have left Britstown after commandeering all supplies available.

LONDON, Dec. 23, 3 a. m.—The latest despatches from South Africa show that Lord Kitchener has succeeded in holding the invading Boers in check. But he has not yet been successful in expelling them from Cape Colony, while small commandos continue to display astonishing daring and

activity over an immensely wide field. It is questionable whether his proclamation will have much effect until Gen. De Wet has been captured. The Boers are likely to regard it as a sign of weakness and to have a wholesome dread of De Wet's vengeance if they surrender.

The proclamation is approved by the party at home that favors conciliatory terms to the Boers as a step in the right direction.

Queen Victoria, it is said, has approved the proposal to institute a new order of knighthood to reward officers who have served in South Africa. The order will probably be called the Star of Africa.

A despatch from Vryburg, dated Dec. 20, says the Boers in considerable numbers were then making an unexpected movement westward. They had 150 wagons. The despatch suggests that they were trekking to Damaraaland, although the Boers themselves denied such an intention.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Orange River Colony, Dec. 28.—There are renewed but unimportant rumors here that General Dewet, President Steyn and General Haasbroek have had a conference and decided to offer to surrender provided the colonial rebels shall not be punished, and the leaders, including themselves, are not deported.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The following despatch from General Kitchener was received today from Pretoria, under today's date: "Two hundred Boers attacked a small police post near Bokburg. The police gallantly drove them off before reinforcements from Johannesburg arrived. The Boers damaged the mining machinery in the neighborhood."

"The Boers attacked Utrecht at two o'clock this morning and were driven off. The eastern force of Boers in Cape Colony was headed yesterday and driven in the direction of Ventersdorp. The western force is still being driven north through Strydenburg."

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The following despatch has been received from Lord Kitchener: "PRETORIA, Dec. 25.—Knox, with Barker, Elcher and White, is engaged with Dewet's force, holding a position in the neighborhood of Leuwikop. Dewet hopes to break through and go south again."

"The Boers' eastern column in Cape Colony is apparently headed by our troops about Retpoortspruit. "The Boers' western column is reported to have gone north in two portions, one towards Prieska and the other through Strydenburg. They are being followed up."

BURGHERSDORP, Cape Colony, Dec. 26.—Wednesday.—Col. Grenfell continues in touch with Krutzinger's command of 700 men, who are carrying off the British prisoners. Krutzinger has abandoned his maxims and carts. An attempt of the 9th Lancers to turn Krutzinger's flank at Plaisterheuwel, Dec. 24, resulted in eight casualties among the lancers, including Lord Frederick Temple Blackwood, who was wounded.

Lord Frederick Temple Blackwood, referred to, in the Burghersdorp despatch as having been wounded, is the fourth son of the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, who was formerly governor general of Canada. Lord Frederick Blackwood is a lieutenant in the Ninth Lancers, which regiment he joined Oct. 9, 1899. Lord Ava, the eldest son of the Marquis of Dufferin, died of wounds received in battle at Ladysmith in January last.

NEWCASTLE, Natal, Dec. 27.—The Boers celebrated Christmas in the district between Standerton and Ingogo by more or less determined attack upon every British garrison along the lines of communication. This, however, were in all cases successfully repulsed. At Utrecht, the Boer commandant sent in a demand for whiskey, cigars and Christmas luxuries, and on pain of refusal threatened to attack the town. His demand was ignored, and the Boers attacked Utrecht in strong force Christmas morning. They were repulsed with loss, the British casualties being slight.

CHATHAM, Ont., Dec. 27.—Two men Browning and Duckett, have been arrested here, charged with complicity in the death of an old man named Kennedy, Leuwikop, Saturday last. Kennedy is supposed to have been sandbagged and robbed, and in the rescue to have wandered on to the dam of the river and was drowned.

EQUITY COURT.

A Number of Important Judgments Delivered by Judge Barker.

Thorne v. Perry — In re Wal Abell v. Anderson—Bourque Chappell and Jackson—Ramsay v. Ramsay—Lawton Saw Co. v. Machum Carroll v. Rogers.

The following judgments have been delivered by Judge Barker: Thorne v. Perry.—This was a suit brought by the plaintiff to compel the defendant to pay over to her the sum of \$400, alleged to be due in respect of a donation mortis causa. It appeared that the mother of plaintiff and defendant, when ill and about to die, handed over to defendant a box containing a savings bank pass-book, which was the mother's property, but in the joint names of herself and defendant. This she said he was to have, but was to pay certain debts and also to pay plaintiff the sum of \$400. Shortly after the mother gave to plaintiff a mortgage book containing an agreement to pay the sum of \$400, alleged to be due in respect of a donation mortis causa. The estate was not administered upon, and defendant, claiming that the donation mortis causa was not well constituted, refused to pay the money to plaintiff.

It was held that there was a donation mortis causa, that the pass-book could be the subject of such a gift, and that all the circumstances showed that there was not a defective testamentary gift, as claimed by the defendant. The fact that plaintiff had also received a gift did not enter into the question, and he did not decide whether or not in that case a donation mortis causa had been constituted or not. Decree was made for the payment of the sum of \$400, with costs. The sum of \$400, W. B. Wallace, Q. C. for plaintiff; J. D. Hazen, Q. C. and C. P. Raymond for defendant.

In re Walch.—In this case a power of attorney was given by a debtor to the plaintiff to collect a surplus arising from a sale under a mortgage of some of his property, which was about to be sold under a power of sale, and to apply such surplus on account of his debt to plaintiff. Before the sale the mortgagee took place the debtor died. Held, that the power of attorney was revoked by the death of the debtor, and that the money arising from the sale of the property after payment of the mortgage went to his executors as a part of his general estate. W. B. Chandler, Q. C., for the creditor; Amon A. Wilson, Q. C., for the executors.

Abell v. Anderson.—This was a demurrer to the plaintiff's bill filed for the specific performance of an agreement for the sale of land. In addition to the demurrer, defendant had put in an answer which was substantially to the whole of the bill. On argument of demurrer, plaintiff contended that defendant could not answer on demurrer to the same parts of the bill. Held, that this was incorrect, but leave given to defendant to amend by striking out such parts of the answer as conflicted with the demurrer; if done, demurrer to be allowed, but even if the substantial question involved it was held that the parties were only in treaty, and that the facts alleged did not amount to offer and acceptance. W. B. Wallace, Q. C., for plaintiff; J. A. Barron, for defendant.

Bourque v. Chappell & Jackson.—This was a bill filed by the plaintiff claiming priority over defendant Chappell, who had purchased land from Chappell, and who contended that there was a prior agreement between Chappell and plaintiff, of which defendant had notice. Held, that it was doubtful whether there was any agreement between plaintiff and Chappell capable of being enforced, but even if there were, the defendant Jackson had no notice of it. Bill dismissed with costs.

Ramsay v. Ramsay et al.—This was a suit for partition. In 1853 Thos. H. and James Ramsay acquired land as tenants in common. James died May 9, 1876, intestate and unmarried. Thos. H. died 8 Nov., 1898, leaving a widow and two infant children. Suit was commenced on 21 Sept., 1899, and the question raised was that plaintiff, a sister, was barred by the statute of limitations. Thos. H. having had exclusive possession of the property. The judge found that Thos. H. had treated the plaintiff and her sisters with considerable kindness and had taken charge of the whole of his brother's property for his own use. While they set up that they had received portions of the rents and profits from time to time, he found these to be mere isolated transactions, unconnected with the property in the sense of accounting, and as acts of kindness. Held, that the plaintiff's claim was barred by the statute, and the bill was ordered to be dismissed with costs. L. J. Tweedie, Q. C., for plaintiff; M. G. Teed, Q. C., for defendant.

Lawton Saw Co. v. Machum.—This was a matter of exceptions to the report of a referee to whom partnership accounts had been referred. The net loss was \$1,776.38, which was to be divided between the parties. The referee, however, took into account two other sums due by defendant to plaintiff, independently of the partnership agreement, and added them to the amount due by him, thus arriving at the total indebtedness of the defendant to the plaintiffs. Held, that the reference was confined to the partnership accounts and agreement, and that the referee was accordingly, by striking out the items. Also, that in the absence of a special agreement defendant could not claim an allow-

ance for depreciation of machinery owing to him which had been used for partnership purposes.

Carroll v. Rogers et al.—In 1894 the plaintiff bought a piece of land from the defendant and wife for \$500. He got the deed on 2nd August, 1894, but did not record the same. McLaughlin afterwards wanted to pay off a mortgage, and for this purpose raised another mortgage to Sproule & Co., which was described in the mortgage as "excepting that portion of the above described lands which was sold and conveyed by the John McLaughlin and Elizabeth Smith to one Fenton Carroll," the whole lot "being the lands and see that were conveyed to the Elizabeth McLaughlin by W. S. Rogers and wife by deed bearing date 1st November, 1893, as by reference thereto will fully appear." This mortgage was registered on 24th June, 1898. In 1897 the defendant Rogers purchased the whole lot, as he claimed, from McLaughlin for \$700, and on 1st Oct., 1897, McLaughlin and wife conveyed the whole lot to Rogers in completion of the purchase. This conveyance was registered 25th March, 1898. Held, not a case for reformation of the conveyance from McLaughlin to Rogers, but under section 69 of the Registry Act, 1884, chapter 22, "the registration of any instrument under this act shall constitute notice of the instrument to all persons claiming any interest in the lands subsequent to such registration, notwithstanding any defect in the process of registration, etc." There was notice to the defendant Rogers of the conveyance to Carroll. Decree made declaring plaintiff as against the defendant Rogers entitled to priority as to the piece of land sold to the plaintiff, with costs. L. J. Tweedie, Q. C., for plaintiff; H. Murray for defendant.

TORONTO BANQUET To Colonel Otter and Other Returned Officers a Most Enjoyable Affair.

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Col. Otter, Lieut. Col. Buchanan, Lt. Col. Everson, Major Macdougall, Capt. Macdonald, Capt. Barker, Capt. Mason, Lt. Temple and Wilkie, Rev. Father O'Leary and war correspondents Hamilton, Brown and Ewan were guests of honor at a public banquet here tonight attended by the governor general, Premier Ross, Postmaster General Mulock and many other prominent men. The guests of the evening were given a great ovation when their health was proposed.

The governor general praised most highly the work of Col. Otter, his old comrade in arms of the Northwest rebellion, and of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Referring to the South African campaign, he said: "It is a great honor to me to meet you here tonight. No European nation he said ever had such a tough nut to crack as we have had in South Africa. In closing Lord Minto made the following significant reference to military reorganization: "Military reform is in the air throughout the empire, and with military reorganization will come fresh opportunities for able officers."

Col. Otter made an eloquent and lengthy reply in response, and the banquet closed at a very late hour.

PHILIPPINE COMMISSION.

MANILA, Dec. 27.—The Philippine commission has completed the tariff bill and mailed it to Washington for approval. Its technical part is prepared and will be made public Monday.

The first question dealt with by the commission affecting an issue between the church and the United States government is the question whether the control of the San Jose Medical College is vested in the government or the church. The college was established in 1863, and in 1897, the United States and the Jesuit order was given title to the college, under the treaty of Paris, came into the control of the United States. The church authorities claimed the college had full legal possession of the college, and the commission is now taking up the question. The first hearing took place shortly after the commission arrived. Archbishops Caselle and Norzola made the presentations of the church's position.

If the commission decides that the control is vested in the government, litigation is considered probable.

NOT THE FANNIE EARL.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—A. C. Wheelwright, part owner of the schr. Fannie Earl, is now satisfied that the vessel sunk off Kennebunkport, is not the Earl. He learned today the wreck of the Maine coast was seen here Dec. 9, two days before the Earl left Provincetown for Rockland. He also received information that the Earl was seen on Dec. 16 off the Isle of Shoals with foremast blown away, and it is probable that she had put to sea before the northwest gale. While there has been ample time for her to make her way to the coast since then, it is hoped she is afloat and will report in due time.

HALIFAX SYDNEY LINE

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 27.—The Halifax Board of Trade have contracted with the Dominion Coal Company to put on a direct steamer between Halifax and Sydney. The steamer will make weekly trips and will begin the service next Thursday. Halifax guarantees a certain weekly freight. The steamer will be the Cape Breton.

CHINA DIFFICULTY.

Chinese Newspapers Object to the Proposed Peace Terms.

Court Objects to Reducing the Forts and Allowing Permanent Guards.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27.—The Chinese newspapers here object to the proposed peace terms. The Universal Gazette considers that the princes and officials who are to be punished should be named.

It is questionable whether General Tung Fu Hsiang is included among those punishable, and so far as Prince Tuan is concerned, it is well known that the Chinese peace commissioners have been instructed not to consent to any punishment of any person of royal blood exceeding imprisonment.

Some of the native journals hold that the presence of permanent garrison troops will render the emperor's return impossible, because these would be a menace to the court.

"China," says one of them, "would be powerless to suppress risings, but prohibited from increasing her military strength and the powers, therefore, would renew hostilities again and the people would be moved down like hemp."

PEKING, Dec. 27.—Li Hung Chang and Prince China, the Chinese peace commissioners, have heard from Shanghai Kwang Su. The court objects strenuously to reducing the forts, and also to allowing permanent guards, which it seems to think could be made sufficiently large at any time in order to menace the court itself. After a conference, Earl Li and Prince China decided to hold further communication with the court before seeing the ministers.

OTTAWA.

Lengthy Report from Colonel Otter re the First Contingent.

Cable from Milner Announces the Death of a British Columbia Man—Kingston Man Wounded.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Official reports of the stay of the balance of the first contingent in England and the trip home on the steamer Lake Champlain reached the department of militia today. The former is a voluminous report, a small volume in fact, detailing the various receptions and other honors paid to the contingent, and including even a copy of the sermon preached to the Royal Canadians in Westminster Abbey by Cardinal Gibbons. Col. Otter, in the second report speaks of the Lake Champlain as a most comfortable and steady ship. He adds in the matter of accommodation: "I stated in my last letter both quarters and messing were everything that could be desired, and since then I have had no reason to change my opinion. In fact, we have been supplied with many extras and nothing left undone by the ship's officers to make our passage most comfortable."

Col. Otter reports the court martial of four men on board, two of them who belonged to the permanent corps, having "previously given much trouble." A cable from Sir Alfred Milner says that Pte. W. H. Graydon of Grand Prairie, B. C., was killed, and Corp. C. R. McDonnell of Kingston, wounded at Elocanon, on Dec. 22nd. Both were members of Strathcona's Horse.

Winston Churchill, M. P., lectured tonight on his experiences in the South African war to a crowded audience. Hon. Mr. Fielding presided.

The patriotic fund committee has made a grant of \$1,000 to Trooper Mulloy, who lost his eyesight in action in South Africa.

ENGLAND'S NEXT CENSUS MAY ALARM.

Shrinkage in Native British Race.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Population calculations predict that the decennial census of the United Kingdom, which will be taken next year, will reveal a startling shrinkage in the native British race. According to estimates issued by the registrar general, England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales will contain on April 1, 1901, a population of 41,287,000, compared with 38,104,000 in 1891, or a total increase of 3,183,000, which amounts to only 8.40 per cent, being 3.15 per cent. less increase than

in the preceding decade, and 2.5 per cent. less than the average rate of increase recorded in any previous decade.

London expects to hold its own as the biggest city in earth. According to the expectations of the registrar general, it will return a population of four million five hundred thousand for the city proper, or a modest gain of three hundred thousand since 1891, when a municipal census was made. By including, however, the population of the whole of "Greater London," which takes in a dozen suburban towns within a radius of about fifteen miles without any distinct demarcation, the total will probably reach six million and a half.

For the first time the census will exhibit the nationality of citizens living in the British Isles. There is some speculation here as to how many Americans will be found to be living under the protecting folds of the Union Jack. The 1891 census, however, was taken the American colony was insignificant that it was not considered worthy of a place in the table of foreign residents. Now Uncle Sam's British sons and daughters run into the tens of thousands. Conservative estimates place their number at not less than 25,000, due jointly to their commercial invasion of the kingdom and the continuing popularity of Anglo-American marriages.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATIONS.

The students of the St. John Education College on Friday presented Miss Brown with a valuable gift and an address.

The committee who conducted the North End Liberal banquet have presented James Boyd and Benjamin T. Logan each with a silk umbrella, in token of their interest in the work of decorating the hall.

Rev. Dr. Wilson was waited upon Saturday morning by Miss Mackenzie, who, on behalf of his friends at Millidgeville, presented him with an amount of money, accompanied by their best wishes for his comfort and happiness.

Mr. Peckham, the superintendent of the Portland Rolling Mills, was presented on Saturday by the employees of the works with a handsome fur collar, cap and gloves, with the compliments of the season. A. F. McIntyre, the accountant of the works, was the recipient of a gold-headed cane and a tobacco pouch. Each of the employees was presented with a Christmas turkey.

At the Maritime Nail Works, on Saturday evening, the superintendent, F. E. Marvin, was presented by the employees with a fur cap and gloves, accompanied by an address, which was read by Mr. E. Elkin, the superintendent.

On Friday evening last Mr. Chas. H. McKay and John Griffin, two very popular employees of the car cleaning department of the I. C. E., were presented by their fellow workmen with a handsome present each, to Mr. McKay a beautiful silver mounted briarwood pipe and case, and to Mr. Griffin a handsome cane.

The directors of the Maritime Nail Works presented each of their employees with a Christmas turkey. There are over fifty hands employed.

William McGorman, chief of the blacksmithing staff of Waring, White & Co.'s mechanical works, was made the recipient of a cash gift in gold on Saturday by his fellow workmen. The employees of this concern in general made up a \$35 purse for their injured fellow employe, Jack Downey.

This afternoon the travelling and accountant staff of H. F. Finlay, wholesale grocer, presented their employe with a beautiful gold-headed cane, suitably inscribed.

Scott E. Morrill unexpectedly was made glad for Christmas. Two delegations invaded his office—one from the motormen and the other from the conductors of the Street Railway. Although they had with them a cane and a set of carvers, their mission was one of good will, for besides these articles they also had with them the pipe of peace. On behalf of the motormen, Mr. Morrill was asked to accept a beautiful ebony gold-headed cane, suitably engraved. The conductors' delegation next asked him to accept a handsome carving set, as well as a case containing a pipe, that would even tempt an anti-tobacco leaguer to indulge in the solace of the weed.

Dr. Macaulay, house physician at the General Public Hospital, was presented with a pair of silver mounted military hair brushes, and Dr. Morris with an English plate-glass shaving mirror by the nursing staff. The hospital matron was remembered with a handsome silver urn for mher assistants.

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HOTTEST CORNER

In Which Canada's Second Contingent Were Placed.

Sergt. Ralph Markham's Graphic Narrative of a Retreat When the Boers Were on Top.

BELFAST, S. A., Nov. 10.—Lillefontein (pronounced Lilyfontein) sounds peaceful enough, but we will always think of it as the hottest corner we were ever in.

I have just returned from the funeral of three of our men who were killed on the last reconnaissance to the above place, Sgt. Bullard, Corp. Tillson and Lieut. Corp. Anderson.

We had driven the Boers off a long flat plateau which overlooked the country for miles. We camped at one end of the plateau for the night, and next morning we started for Belfast by the same road we came out. Our troop was the right flanking patrol for the Canadian guns under Lt. Morrison.

We shelled large parties of Boers before we started to retire, and they disappeared behind the hills.

After going for half a mile I saw the whole rear guard galloping towards us. In a few minutes the Boers, two hundred of them, came along in one long line with an interval of about 15 yards.

The rear guard dismounted several times and opened on them, but it got so hot that they had to mount immediately or get caught, so it gradually developed into a chase—infantry, coil gun, artillery, cavalry and mounted infantry.

Luckily we came to a spruit where we could make a stand, and we held the Boers in check until the artillery (Canadian) could come into action.

The Boers still kept firing at our rear guard for two or three miles. The galloping coil gun belonging to our squadron was so hotly pursued that Sgt. Holland had to take the gun off the carriage and carry it with him on his saddle.

When the Boers came up to the carriage they wheeled it around as if to open fire on us, but they soon discovered there was no gun. However, they got 1,400 rounds of ammunition in the carriage, which they can use in the rifles they took from the men who were captured.

The Boers almost captured one of the Royal Canadian artillery guns. The bullets were dropping all around the gun, and if one of the battery horses had been hit they would certainly have had the gun. The gunners were running by the guns, as the horses were almost exhausted. It is thought that it was the gun, which the Boers could see not three hundred yards away, that made the Boers charge us.

In fact a prisoner we got told one of our men that his command was ordered to charge the rear guard and guns.

The Boers captured a dozen or more of our men, and after taking their arms, horses, saddlery, etc., let them go.

Some of these men told interesting stories. Hilder of 2nd troop was holding four horses. The Boers rode up to him and after searching him asked why he was fighting. He said, "For the same reason you are." A young Boer then came up and told Hilder that his brother had been killed the day before and he intended to shoot Hilder. One of the older Boers interfered and sent him away.

The Boers are living in the houses all over the country. I was in one house that had six double beds. In another I found a Boer in bed with a sprained ankle.

The 2nd battalion burned over 15 of these houses, and in one they found a Boer hiding under the floor.

Farrier Sgt. Ope was hit in the forearm and Pte. Roberts was hit in both arms in this fight. In one arm the bullet went in near the elbow and came out just at the base of the little finger, knocking the stone out of his ring and flattening another ring on the same finger. Pte. Berg was hit on the shoulder blade, the bullet stopping against his backbone. Lieut. Turner was hit in the neck and arm. Lieut. Emsley was hit just above the heart.

All these men, it is expected, will recover. When Emsley was hit he was not ten feet away from Andy McIntosh and your humble servant. We were halted and could hear the bullets whistling over our heads. Suddenly one seemed to pass just at the end of my nose. I turned around and looked at McIntosh, who was looking down at himself to see if he was hit. It was at this moment that Lt. Emsley fell forward on his horse's neck.

It was a fine sight to see the Boers coming along in line, firing from their horses' backs, but from the point of personal safety it was not advisable to look at them too long.

The latest rumor is that we are to leave next week. I think we are really going, as I myself saw the order that we were to be ready to "proceed to Pretoria on shortest notice." The 2nd batt. C. M. R. and the Canadian artillery are to go with us.

I will write you the day we leave Belfast.

RALPH MARKHAM.

CORNWALLIS NEWS.

CORNWALLIS, N. S., Dec. 24.—Charles Beales has purchased a place at Factorydale from George Taylor of Aylesford.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dickie of Canada are visiting the upper provinces. J. R. Forbes, of the Halifax Banking Co. at Canning, has been transferred to the bank at Windsor, while Charles Hendley of that town takes his place in Canning.

F. M. Logan, manager of the Acadia Dairy Co., Wolfville, leaves next week for Guelph College, Ontario. Mr. Logan is also high chief ranger of Nova Scotia in the I. O. F.

Mrs. John Newcombe of Habitant has recently returned from Boston with her little daughter, who underwent a successful operation for facial trouble, the result of whooping cough.



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IN ICY WATERS.

Crew of an American Schooner Have a Terrible Experience.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Dec. 24.—The crew of the three masted schooner Marcus Edwards, brought into this port at 10 o'clock tonight by the United States lightship tender Cactus, tell of the fearful experience of clinging to the side of the capsize vessel in the icy waters of Long Island Sound from the early morning until 6 o'clock tonight, when they were discovered and their rescue effected.

The Marcus Edwards, of 135 tons burden, sailed four weeks ago from Port Greville, N. S., for New York, with a cargo of tile. In weathering a recent storm, a leak was sprung, which increased in size until at one o'clock this morning the pumps were worked at the rate of 60 strokes a minute in order to keep the vessel afloat. No danger was anticipated, however, until 1.30, when the Edwards began to fill, at the same time listing to starboard. All hands rushed to the deck and superhuman efforts were made to cut away the rigging, but in vain, and in a few minutes the schooner went over, settling on her side in the water. The crew of six men were all thrown clear when the Edwards capsized, and with some difficulty succeeded in working their way back to their vessel, to cling there until daylight should bring them assistance. But at daybreak the fog was so dense that all sight of land, and even the sky, was shut out, and not a soul penetrated the deadened atmosphere.

For 16 hours the men clung there, soaked by the waves and the merciless drenching mist, until 6.30 tonight they were sighted by the Cactus. Captain V. C. Bagley of the Marcus Edwards explains the disaster on the theory that the constant leaking had so weakened the centreboard that it finally gave way, causing the schooner to fill immediately.

The Edwards was owned at Jonesport, Maine, and tomorrow an attempt will be made to tow her into port.

CHRISTMAS CLOSING.

The closing of the school year was celebrated in a unique and interesting manner by Miss Gertrude Morrell in her school at Westfield. Invitations were sent to all the people in the district and to a host of friends outside to be present at the school house on Dec. 20th at 7 o'clock p. m. Long before the appointed time the house was packed. The decorations within the building were in perfect taste. Entwined around the door were beautiful wreaths of evergreen studded with red berries, while standing out in bold crimson letters upon a background of gold was the motto "Without the door let sorrow lie and wish to all a merry Christmas." Directly opposite was a life size portrait of the Queen, which was artistically draped with flags. On either side of large slate blackboards were painted sketches of Santa Claus, the first representing him just disappearing down the chimney, while the second showed him before a great fireplace loading the children's stockings with candies and toys, so dear to the children's heart. A little farther to the left was Father Time in the act of turning over a new leaf in his great book. The teacher's desk was removed and in its place stood a great Christmas tree which reached to the high ceiling and was loaded almost to the breaking point with every kind of good thing.

At 7 o'clock the scholars filed out of the classroom, two abreast, with a beautiful silken Union Jack at their head, and marching to the music of a miniature drum formed a hollow square two deep and sang the "Soldiers of the Queen," standing under a magnificent canopy of flags. The programme consisted of the following, which was well rendered: Recitation, My Sister's Best Fellow, by George Parlee; A Little Girl's Speech, B. C. Craig; dialogue, Marrying a Poetess, by M. Brown, Bessie Appt, Miss G. Morrell and Sadie Brown; recitation, Watching for Crumbs, by H. Parlee; dialogue, The Letter, by G. and H. Parlee; recitation, Whipping the Boy, by Bessie Appt; reading, Briar Rose, by Miss G. Morrell; recitation, Which One Are You Going to Drown? by Hilda Belyas; dialogue, The Irish Love Letter, by Louise Parlee, Bessie Appt

and Miss G. Morrell; recitation, Charterbox, by Eva Craig; dialogue, A Rose and a Thorn, by Sadie Brown; Mildred Craig, M. Parlee and Louise Parlee; recitation, Was it a Crime? by Miss G. Morrell; dialogue, On the Way to London, by G. Parlee, Mildred Craig and C. Long.

After the programme was finished Rev. Mr. Parlee addressed those present on the subject of education, and paid a well merited tribute to the teacher for the efficiency of the school and the high grade of excellence which they have attained under her tutelage.

The Christmas tree engaged the attention of the spectators for a while as the gifts of the teacher were transferred to the children and with the singing of the national anthem the party broke up.

Miss Morrell has had charge of this school for the past year, and beside being a first class teacher of more than ordinary ability she is a distinguished linguist, speaking fluently in French and Italian. The people of Westfield may consider themselves favored, as she is going to remain in her present position for another term.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

A pleasant gathering of the travelling and office staff of the Frost & Wood Co., Ltd., on Saturday evening at the residence of the local manager, Wm. J. Burditt, Crouxville, was made the occasion of the presentation to Mr. Burditt of a handsome easy chair. The presentation was made by J. D. Schurman on behalf of the staff in a brief address and was acknowledged by Mr. Burditt in a suitable manner.

At St. John's (stone) church Sunday school on Sunday afternoon the pastor presented Miss Amy Winters with a very handsome oak inkstand and pen rack. The present was a recognition of Miss Winters' great services in the Beehive society in connection with the mission to the Jews.

The Ladies' Aid society in connection with the Home for Incurables has gladdened the hearts of both staff and inmates by generous and appropriate gifts, and in addition for each pupil of home-made confections, put up in very neat boxes.

Alexander Grey, foreman of the St. John Ice company, was presented on Saturday night by the employees of the company with a handsome cardigan jacket, a silk handkerchief and a silk scarf. Mr. Grey was an efficient employee of Mrs. Wheeler for thirteen years, and is a popular man with his co-workers.

Fred E. Marvin and Fred P. Elkin, superintendent and bookkeeper respectively of the Maritime Nail Works, were presented with a handsome fur cap and gloves. Mr. Elkin was next called to the front, when another address was read and he was presented with a beautiful dressing case. Mr. Marvin, in reply, spoke of the good feeling that existed between the employers and the employees, and expressed his appreciation of the gift very much. Mr. Elkin tendered his thanks to the men for their kind remembrance of him. Both wished the men a joyful Christmas.

HOPWELL HILL.

Christmas Services in St. John's Church—Presentations.

HOPWELL HILL, Dec. 25.—The Christmas service today in St. John's Church of England was one of particular attractiveness and was largely attended. The interior of the church was beautifully decorated with evergreen and illuminated texts. The rector, Rev. Mr. Smithers, delivered an especially interesting and appropriate sermon from the words, "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy." The choir sang Carol, Sweetly Carol, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Gently Falls the Winter Snow, the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. Mrs. M. B. Dixon sang a solo very acceptably. Rev. Mr. Smithers also held Christmas services this week at River View, New Ireland and Hillsboro.

Geo. Wallace of Curryville and Miss Ethel Steeves of Moncton were married last evening at the residence of Albert Milton brother-in-law of the bride, by Rev. Mr. Townsend.

The Presbyterian church of Riverside have been presented with a bell for their church by Lt. Gov. McCrellan. Miss Celia I. F. Peck, organist of the Episcopal church, was presented the evening of the rector and choir with a very handsomely bound copy of the Church Hymn-book.

"Ah," said the guest, "I see you have an axe on the mantel. In case the folding bed should close suddenly."—Chicago News.

OUTBREAK OF SMALLPOX

In a Large Section of Westmorland County.

Cape Tormentine Railway Closed for Outward Traffic in Consequence—Sixty Cases Reported—Provincial Board of Health Moves Slowly.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 24.—Dr. J. O. Calkin, health officer of this place, has just returned from Botsford, 25 miles from here, where he has been making an investigation into alleged smallpox cases. He states there are about 60 cases extending along the road from Cape Tormentine to Port Elgin, over a range of 20 miles; also at Cape Bald, about twenty miles distant in another direction. Dr. Calkin was assisted in his examination by Dr. H. Lunan of Campbellton, who has had large experience in dealing with the disease in this locality, and also by the local doctors. The cases are typical, but mild. The disease has been prevailing in that locality since the first of October, Mrs. J. J. Mahoney having arrived from Grand Anse, Gloucester county, about the 20th of September and being taken down about two weeks later.

The cases were so light that not much attention was paid to them, and the epidemic passed under the name of chicken pox. The death of Jeremiah Sweeney, an aged and respected inhabitant, on the 20th December, first drew public attention to the matter, leading to the investigation.

No other cases have proved serious, but considerable excitement prevails. The Cape Tormentine railway was closed today so far as outward traffic is concerned, and precautions have been taken to stop people leaving by patrols at the various highway bridges.

But people have been moving around through the infected district for three months, and smallpox is therefore liable to break out anywhere in the province. Some apprehension is felt that the disease may develop into a more virulent type, and every effort is being made to check its spread. The churches and schools are all closed.

Writing under yesterday's date the Sun's regular Sackville correspondent said: The cases at Bale Verte have been pronounced smallpox, though of a mild type. The secretary of board of health from Fredericton, Dr. Fisher, has placed the town in quarantine, and no mails or passengers will be allowed to pass either way. An expert from Campbellton has been sent for. Dr. Fisher was in Sackville over Sunday.

(St. John Globe, 24th.)

Apparently the smallpox at Port Elgin is much more prevalent than the authorities imagined. Dr. E. D. Fisher of Marysville, secretary of the provincial board of health, returned today from a visit to Port Elgin. Dr. Fisher told the Globe that in his opinion there are fully a hundred cases of the disease in and about Port Elgin.

Dr. Fisher says that he is surprised if cases are heard of all over the province. Dr. Fisher said the local physicians had been treating the outbreak as chicken-pox. He, however, is convinced it is smallpox, and has sent to Gloucester for one of the physicians there to come down and if it is not exactly the same type as in that county. In the meantime all railroad communication has been cut off and every precaution taken to prevent a further spread of the disease. Dr. Fisher said the outbreak is of such a non-form that many of the people prefer taking it to suffering the pain and soreness of vaccination.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 26.—A large and influential meeting of the citizens of Sackville, presided over by J. L. Black today, was attended by Dr. McDonald, Mayor, Dr. Calkin, the secretary of the county board of health, to take action with reference to the smallpox cases in Botsford. The doctors announced they had quarantined all suspected cases and ordered compulsory vaccination in the infected district, where they had closed schools and churches and directed that outward communication from that district be prevented. They reported that chicken-pox had been prevalent for three months or more, with some cases of varioloid, probably 150 in all, and that about 60 cases existed at present. They were so mild in character that they yielded to home treatment, in most cases without medical aid. It was on Friday last that Dr. Carter for the first time detected smallpox, when he notified the board, which took immediate steps to prevent its spreading. Less than a dozen cases in all of smallpox had come under the cognizance of the doctors, including one at Cape Bald. An infectious disease of very similar symptoms has been prevailing in Sackville, but the doctors pronounced these all chicken-pox. At this date there is no known case of smallpox in Sackville or within 20 miles of it. The board of health directed that no passengers or freight be brought from the infected district and that the mails from there be disinfected. This will not interfere with through business with P. E. Island. The meeting discussed the compulsory vaccination and also the establishment of a quarantine station in which to detain travellers from the infected district. These and other measures were left to the discretion of a committee which was appointed to cooperate with the board of health to take vigorous action to check the further spreading of the disease. The committee appointed consisted of Dr.

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Advertisement for KENDALL'S SPAVIN CURE, featuring an illustration of a horse and text describing the product as a sound horse cure.

Advertisement for NATIONAL TRADING CO., Toronto, featuring an illustration of a watch and text describing various goods available for sale.

CITY NEWS.

Recent Events in and Around St. John.

Together With Country Items from Correspondents and Exchanges.

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THE SUN PRINTING COMPANY, issuing weekly 3,500 copies of THE WEEKLY SUN, challenges the circulation of all papers published in the Maritime Provinces. Advertisers please make a note of this.

The Rev. A. D. McDonald has accepted a call to the Baptist church at Mill Cove.

Sch. Southern Cross, from Joggins for Westport, with coal, gets \$1.50 per ton.

Ship Howard D. Troop, Capt. Corning, reached Cape Town on Christmas day from Tacoma, after a remarkably quick passage of eighty days.

Thomas Service, second engineer of s. s. Prince Rupert, was presented by the firemen on the steamer with a handsome gold ring on Christmas day.

The iron bark Iverlochy, which left this port on the 19th of September, reached her destination, Melbourne, on Sunday last.

Samuel Kerr, principal of the St. John Business College, was married on Christmas day at Canning, N. S., to Miss Julia McDonald. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr will spend a week in Nova Scotia.

Letters of administration of the estate of the late Mrs. Johanna Byrne, situated at \$400 personal property, have been granted to her husband, Timothy Byrne, T. P. Regan, proctor.

Despite the Maine law, there are 150 rum shops in full blast in Lewiston, catering to the Christmas trade.

There will be a grand concert in the hall at Yarmouth, Kings Co., on New Year's evening.

Dr. A. Sterling Morrison, a former Carleton boy, who graduated at McGill last summer, has received an appointment as house surgeon in the Ochsler hospital. His many friends in St. John will be delighted to hear of his success.

Rev. Robert R. Rorson of Winthrop, Me., has accepted the call to become pastor of the Union street Congregational church, and will probably take up the work here about the middle of January.

Restigouche Lodge, No. 25, F. and A. M. N. B. R., of Dalhousie, is to celebrate St. John's day (Thursday, December 27) by a ball. A large number of invitations have been issued throughout Restigouche county.

The passenger traffic at the Union depot this Christmas season has been the heaviest for a number of years. This increased traffic has materially increased the work of the officials at the station, especially that of Officer Collins and Mr. Stevens.

Patrick Quinlan, for nineteen years millwright in Murray's mill, near the falls, and one year with Hilyard's mill, Strait Shore, left for Tusket, near Yarmouth, yesterday morning, to take charge of Dickie & McGrath's big mill at that place.

The employees of the I. C. R. in this city looked vainly for the pay card before Christmas, but it did not materialize. This omission has caused considerable inconvenience here. It has been the custom for the last few years to have the men paid off before the holiday season, and the break this year has disappointed them, to say the least about it.

The Sun's Parrsboro correspondent writes, under date of Dec. 22nd: Sch. St. Maurice arrived at Cayane, French Guiana, from New York, Nov. 13th, and the owners have received a letter from the captain stating that she was struck by the hurricane of October 11th and lost boat, masts, foresail, forestaysail, jibboom and jibs, and had decks swept, cabin flooded and stores destroyed.

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- Ladies' Undervests, 25c to 90c each. Under Drawers, 30c to 75c. Jackets, Light Colors and Black in Beaver, Frieze and Curly Cloth, \$3.50 to \$3.75. Comfortables, 90c to \$2.75 each. All Wool Blankets, \$2.65 per pair and up. Shaker Blanket, 5c per yd. and up. Gray Wool Flannel, 14c per yd. and up. Flannellette Wrappers, \$1.15 to 2.00 each.

- GENTLEMEN'S Underwear (All Wool), 50c per garment and up. Fleece Lined, 50c. Top Shirts, Strong and Heavy, 48c to \$1.20. Heavy Pants, \$1.00 per pair and up. Jumpers, 55c to 85c. Overalls, 55c to 85c.

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Take Lozenges Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists return the money if it fails to cure you. Dr. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

The big bottle of Bentley's Liniment contains three times as much as the 10c size and is the largest 25c. bottle of Liniment sold.

Bentley's Liniment is excellent for strains, bruises, chafes, etc. on horses.

Grace Methodist church, Parrsboro, N. S., has invited Chaplain Lane to remain a fourth year, subject to approval of the conference.

Mrs. Ezekiel Hutchinson of Andover wishes to thank, through the Sun, the Masons and the many other friends for their kindness during the illness of her late husband.

Ed. Donald, formerly of Moncton, now of Windsor, N. B., was quite badly injured by a furnace explosion recently. His brother, Wm. Donald, went to Windsor on Tuesday.

The general reading public have unanimously decided in favor of The Montreal Family Herald and Weekly Star with the two famous premium pictures, "Christ in the Temple," and "Home from the War." It is simply head and shoulders above anything in the newspaper line. No other newspaper pretends to issue such beautiful pictures or such a paper.

Robert Whitenet, a section hand on the C. P. R., was struck by the Canadian Pacific train for Halifax Monday afternoon and killed, near Penobscus. The engineer put on the air brake as soon as he saw Whitenet, but it was of no use. Life was extinct when the man was picked up. He carried a valise, which contained a loaf of bread, some candy and a bottle of whiskey. An inquest will probably be held today.

John J. McCarthy, the young son of Michael McCarthy, stone cutter, north end, died very suddenly, yesterday, of appendicitis. He was an exceedingly bright boy, stood high in his class at school and gave promise of a very successful future. His sickness was only of a day or so duration, and the loss is made more keen by the fact that his mother died a few months ago. The many friends of his father will sympathize with him in his loss.

The Sun has received Christmas greetings from A. M. Masters, general manager of the London Guarantee and Accident company in the United States, in the shape of a most complete pocket memorandum diary, exquisitely bound in green morocco. Mr. Masters is a St. John boy of whom we have reason to be proud, in that he has won a place in the foremost rank of insurance men in the United States.

John E. Leavitt, formerly of St. John, died at Oldtown, Me., on Christmas day. He has lived there many years. Miss A. Leavitt of 35 Exmouth street, is an aunt. Mr. Leavitt's wife was a daughter of S. J. Harris, who formerly kept a livery stable on Union street. Mr. Leavitt was one of those injured in the railway accident near Bangor a year or two since, in which A. B. McLean of this city was quite badly hurt.

A ST. JOHN BOY'S SUCCESS.

Major Parks has received two letters from his son, J. H. Parks, who enlisted in the Mounted Rifles and went out to South Africa.

Sergeant Parks is a Kingston graduate and has been engineer in service on the C. P. R. Crow's Nest Pass section. He is, therefore, eminently fitted to do good service on the railroads in the Transvaal.

Mr. Parks is now engaged in survey and other railway engineering work, with headquarters at Johannesburg. He is a member of the staff of the district engineer, Capt. Greenwood, who is also a Kingston graduate, and lately resident engineer on canal construction at Peterborough, Ont.

Greenwood, commanding the 3rd Dragoons. "Jack" Parks' many friends will be glad to know that he is now receiving pay and allowances equal to that of a colonel in command in Canada. And he deserves it.

ST. JOHN MAN PROMOTED.

The Vancouver World of December 20 announces that Frank W. Peters, ex-district freight agent of the Canadian Pacific railway in the Kootenay, had arrived in Vancouver the previous day to succeed Allan Cameron as general freight agent of the road there. Mr. Peters is a St. John man, the son of the late Wm. Tyng Peters, and brother of Lt. Col. James Peters, D. O. C., Toronto, and of Wm. Tyng Peters, station master at Redwood.

BROKE HIS BACK.

At James Carr's lumbering quarters, back of Havelock Junction, says the Woodstock despatch, a young man named Ernest Higgins, aged 19, son of Jas. Higgins, was tending yard. A log fell across his back, breaking the backbone. Dr. Saunders from Woodstock was called to attend the case. He found the young man very dangerously hurt, the lower part of his body being paralyzed. It is feared he cannot recover. He belongs to Newburg.

PIERCE, WATTS & CO'S FAILURE.

The British Timber News of Dec. 15 says the lumber trade generally was astonished to hear that the firm of Pierce, Watts & Co. Liverpool, was in difficulties. The liabilities are said to be over \$20,000. The Timber Trades Journal of the same date, includes in its list of creditors W. & J. Sharples of Quebec for \$4,000. The three principal creditors are: Bank, \$19,000; Frank Harrison & Co., about \$19,000; A. F. & D. Mackay, \$11,000, and Pierce & Pierce, \$3,000.

DEATH OF JOHN MURRAY.

John Murray, a well known resident of Boston, and a frequent visitor to St. John, died last week and was buried on Thursday at the provincial mass had been celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Mr. Murray's parents resided in St. John when he was a child, but removed to Boston a long time ago. Deceased was for many years a member of the firm of Westcott & Co. in the leather trade, acquired a fortune, and retired twelve or fifteen years ago. He made many visits to this city on business or pleasure, and had many friends who will regret to hear of his death. He was sixty-nine years of age.

ROBERT ROBERTS' FUNERAL.

Funeral services were conducted over the remains of Robert Roberts at his home, Cedar street, Indiantown, Monday evening. The house was crowded. Rev. J. C. E. Appel, pastor of Douglas Avenue Baptist church, officiated. Long, of Victoria street Baptist church, Rev. Dr. Ray, pastor of Coburg street Christian church, and Frank Erb were present and took part in the sad ceremonies. Rev. Mr. Appel read the Scripture and delivered a feeling eulogy on the deceased citizen, followed by prayers and remarks by Dr. Ray, Rev. Mr. Long and Mr. Erb. The hymn, "Come Unto Me and I will give you rest," and "Asleep in Jesus" were sung. The services were very impressive. Yesterday morning the general public to the train was very largely attended. The Temple of Honor band played and many hundreds of citizens paid their last sad respects to Mr. Roberts' memory. Rev. Mr. Appel, with the male relatives, accompanied the remains to Westfield, where interment took place this afternoon.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

(From Tuesday's Daily Sun.) Quite a number of St. John boys who have been working abroad are home to spend the holiday with relatives. Among them are the following: A. E. Anderson, son of James Anderson, late of the Telegraph station. Mr. Anderson holds a lucrative position in the Boston City Hall.

Park A. Melville, well known in local newspaper circles, and who is now employed on the Boston Globe, arrived yesterday, and will spend Christmas with his mother. Park looks well and prosperous and his many friends are glad to see him.

William Ritchie, who formerly conducted the Jury, but who is now manager of the art department of the Boston Post, arrived yesterday, and will spend Christmas with his father, Wm. Ritchie of Hampton, N. B.

An Ernest Goiding of the Newcastle, N. B., Advocate, will spend the holiday with his father, S. T. Goiding.

Wm. Moore, son of Dr. Thomas Walker, arrived from Boston yesterday, and will spend the holiday here.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Grand Master of the Great Priory of Canada Tendered Christmas Greetings.

Tuesday Hon. J. V. Ellis, supreme grand master of the Great Priory of Canada, received the following Christmas greetings from brother knights templar: TRURO, N. S., Dec. 25. Hon. John V. Ellis, Senator, St. John, N. B. Malta, high twelve, long life, health and prosperity to our supreme grand master. F. W. McLENNAN, Presiding Preceptor.

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 25. Hon. J. V. Ellis, Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of Canada, St. John: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Christmas greeting, and to thank you for the same. I am, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant, JOHN V. ELLIS, "A Merry Christmas" to all my knights wherever dispersed on land or sea, and to all who are true to the golden promise of "peace on earth and good will toward men." THOMAS McCALLUM, Registrar.

Messages similar to the foregoing came from the two preceptories in Toronto. There were also courtesies exchanged between the members of the order in Canada and the United States.

A SENSATIONAL CASE.

Capt. Wm. R. Dickson of the schooner Carlotta, which was wrecked some time ago, has caused the arrest at Grand Falls of Hadley V. Barbour, formerly of this city, now electrical engineer in connection with the power bridge at that place on an criminal charge, which promises sensational developments.

When Captain Dickson returned from his last voyage his wife and little daughter were missing. Enquiries convinced him that she had gone to Grand Falls, where Mr. Barbour is employed. Disguised, the visited that place on Monday, and there learned sufficient to confirm his suspicions that the relations between Mr. Barbour and Mrs. Dickson were not such as should exist, so he secured his wife and had Barbour arrested. L. A. Curvey has been retained as counsel for Ca. A. Dickson.

The Barbour-Dickson sensational case of which mention is made above, has been settled. According to a despatch from Grand Falls Mr. Barbour has been released and Mrs. Dickson has rejoined her husband.

CATHOLIC ORPHAN ASYLUM.

The following statement of the number of orphans and the income of St. Vincent's and St. Patrick's asylums for the year ending December, 1900, was read at the annual at the various masses on Sunday:

Table with columns for Institution, Receipts, and Disbursements. Includes St. Vincent's, St. Patrick's, and various religious societies.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS.

His honor the lieutenant governor has been pleased to make the following appointments: James Holland, John D. Brown, and William W. Baird, to be notaries public.

Miss Gertrude McDonald to be a special court stenographer. Carleton—Frank B. Carvell to be a member of the board of school trustees for the town of Saint Stephen, (re-appointed). James E. Osborne to be a member of the board of school trustees for the town of Milltown, (re-appointed).

Restigouche—Victor J. A. Venner to be a member of the board of school trustees for the town of Campbellton, (re-appointed). Northumberland—William B. Snowball to be a member and chairman of the board of school trustees for the town of Chatham, (re-appointed). Edmund J. McLaughlin to be a commissioner for taking ball in the supreme court.

Saint John—John Keefe to be a member of the board of school trustees for the city of Saint John (re-appointed). Dennis Connolly, of Simonds, to be a justice of the peace.

Westmorland—Allan E. Wall to be a member of the board of school trustees for the city of Moncton, (re-appointed). York—A. B. Atherton, M. D., to be a member and chairman of the board of school trustees for the city of Fredericton, (re-appointed).

King's—Samuel MacCurry to be a vendor of liquors under "The Canada Temperance Act," for the parish of Hampton, in room of William T. Scribner, deceased. Octavius McLeod to be a justice of the peace.

Albert—Miles B. Dixon to be judge of probate, pro hac vice, in reference to the estate of Georgina Taylor Trueman, late of Albert, deceased.—Star.

WEDDED AT HOULTON.

A very pretty wedding took place at the First Methodist Episcopal parsonage, Houlton, last Wednesday afternoon. The bride was Miss Agnes M. Littleton, and the groom was Mr. Tracy's Mills, N. B., were united in marriage. The modified Episcopal ring service was used and was performed by the Rev. D. B. Phelan. The bride was attired in a steel gray suit, trimmed with white satin and jet passementerie and her hat was of a felt, the same shade as her dress, trimmed with white ostrich plumes. The groom wore the conventional black.

The Misses Alice W. French, Dora D. Shaw and Miss M. French, were bridesmaids, and after the reception Miss Phelan played Mendelssohn's wedding march, by which the couple entered and then the nuptial knot was tied by the pastor. After the ceremony was performed, the newly wedded couple went to the home of the bride, where a wedding lunch was served. Mr. and Mrs. Ingraham will reside at Tracy's N. B., in the future, and they have the best wishes of a host of friends.

DEATH OF SAMUEL YORKE.

Samuel Yorke, a well known resident of Carleton county, passed away at his home in Waterville on Saturday evening last. Mr. Yorke was a prominent farmer and was well known generally. He was a past master of the Victoria Corner Orange lodge. He was 48 years of age, leaves a widow, who was a Miss Churchill, and two children. The funeral services were under the joint management of the Orangemen and I. O. F.

STUFFED BIRDS.

But They are Not Christmas Presents. Last year A. Gordon Leavitt presented to his friends a fine photograph of the mortal remnant of the famous omelette cat. Today Mr. Leavitt was persuaded by a Star man to part with a photo of himself standing among his birds. The card is suitably inscribed with greetings and shows the maple leaf and thistle as well as the mounted birds, of which a dozen species are shown. May many a Christmas dawn before Mr. Leavitt puts on his wings.—Star.

Andrew Kyle of Waterford, about 19 years old, came to Sussx with some others on Christmas eve, and they were drinking together. They started for home in the evening, and on arrival at his home at Cedar Camp, Waterford, Kyle was found to be dead. The body was taken out of the sled and Wednesday morning Dr. Burnett was called. He found the young man's neck broken. His companions say that he was drunk when they put him in the sled, and when they went to take him out he was dead. It is not known whether an inquest will be held.

OUR VAST STOCK TO BE GIVEN AWAY. THE GOLDALOID CO. JEWELERS DEPT. 19 TORONTO. Includes an image of a watch and promotional text.

DEATH OF ARMSTRONG, ACCIDENTS ON THE I. C. R.

The Inventor of the Gun that Bears His Name, And the Pioneer Maker of Modern Rifled Ordnance the World Over. LONDON, Dec. 27.—Lord William George Armstrong, inventor of the Armstrong gun and a writer upon electrical and scientific topics, died this morning, aged 90 years.

Sir William Armstrong, by which title he was best known, will go down to fame as the inventor of the "hydraulic crane" and of the rifled-ordnance gun that bears his name. The leading feature of the Armstrong gun was the coiling of one wrought iron tube over another until a sufficient thickness was built up. Brought up to the law, a strong bent for scientific pursuits led to his early abandonment of professional life and the devotion of his energies to more warlike and more material things. The Armstrong gun, once endorsed by the British war authorities, was largely adopted by foreign governments. It was in 1858 that his great invention was recognized, his gun being adopted for special service in the field, and he was knighted, made a C. B. and appointed Engineer of Rifled Ordnance, with a salary of \$10,000 a year. This position he held until 1883, when he resigned and became head of a manufacturing company that expanded into one of the largest and most important in the world. He was a pioneer in the construction of artillery and other munitions of war. In those days Herr Krupp was an unknown quantity, and the Germans were only second-rate gun makers. Sir William was raised to the peerage under the title of Baron Armstrong in 1887, the year of the Queen's jubilee.

PATIENT LITTLE SUFFERER.

Says the St. Andrews Beacon: A patient little sufferer was taken to Fredericton from St. Stephen on Monday. He was the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Campbell of Little River. One day in the month of August last the little fellow's back was badly scalded by hot water which was accidentally thrown upon him while he was playing in the yard alongside his home. The skin peeled off, and every effort was made to replace it, but it failed in failure. On Monday the parents bore the little one to Fredericton, where they hope to meet with better success.

DEATH AT ROGERSVILLE.

A Rogersville correspondent writes to the Moncton Times: Rarely in the history of our village has the holiday season approached amid such general gloom. Sickness in some form prevails in almost every household, and not a few have been visited by death. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien in the loss of their bright little boy Everett, who died very suddenly on Wednesday evening, 19th inst., of membranous croup. The little fellow was playing about up to the day before his death, and the sadness of the blow, coming as it does so near this festive season, makes it seem more sad.

To cure a headache in ten minutes use Kumfort Headache Powders.

Premier Tweedie, Attorney General Pugsley and Surveyor General Dunn will meet Dr. Bayard and other members of the provincial board of health this morning for the consideration of the proper steps to be taken throughout the province to prevent the spread of smallpox, which appears to have secured such a firm foothold in Westmorland county.

SOLID GOLD. Includes an image of a watch and promotional text for a watch repair shop.

WANTED.

SITUATION WANTED—A Second Class Female Teacher is anxious to secure a situation for the months of January, February, and March. Address "POSTMASTER," North View, Victoria Co., N. B. 1441.

WANTED—A Second Class Male or Female Teacher, for School District No. 10, Parish of Peterborough, Apply, stating salary, to WM. J. SMITH, Secretary to Trustees, Armstrong's Corner, Queens County, N. B.

WANTED—A Second Class Male or Female Teacher, for School District 1 1/2 Hampstead, Queens County, Apply, stating salary, to B. PALMER, Secretary to Trustees, Central Hampstead, Queens County, N. B.

ROBERTS & CO. Patent Solicitors. People's Bank Building, Montreal. 12 YEARS' EXAMINER IN U. S. PATENT OFFICE. NO PATENT—NO PAY. Write for Red Book.

Includes an image of a watch and promotional text for a watch repair shop.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

CHATHAM, Dec. 24.—Christmas is again upon us, and the evidences of festivity and good-will are visible on all sides. Trade has brightened up in a very apparent manner, and already we have the "advanced guard" of the season, which is a special attraction at the family circle at this festive Christmas time.

A poor Frenchman, an old-France man, of the "genoa tramp," had a very narrow escape from drowning last Saturday evening. He attempted to cross the river at the ferry slip, and in trying to effect a landing on the north side he got into the water caused by the tide being at flood, having left the boat in trying to reach the shore. His cries were heard in town, and Cal in Craig, janitor of the town hall, with Alex. Perry and one or two others, went to his relief. They arrived barely in time to effect a rescue of the poor fellow, who was then in a very critical state, his mouth being just clear of the surface of the water. The party managed to drag the unfortunate man out of his perilous position, and carried him to the Chatham side, but before they reached the town his clothing was frozen stiff and had to be cut from off his body. He was tenderly cared for by Mr. Craig at the town hall, and after considerable effort he was restored to consciousness, and is now nearly recovered from the effects of his cold bath.

The lecture of Rev. Mr. Lane upon the South African campaign was delivered here on the 18th inst. Those who were present were delighted with the lecture and the manner of its delivery, and it is to be hoped he may come again and either deliver the same lecture or give an additional description of his experiences during the war.

Operations in the lumber woods here in full swing, and the favorable conditions a large quantity of logs is being yarded, and the outlook for a large cut is bright, the snow in the woods averaging about fifteen inches.

Hunting parties, in quest of big game, are frequently out, but with the exception of a few, no noteworthy success has yet been brought in.

Many members of our teaching staff have gone away to spend the holidays with friends abroad.

We had a visit from Sergt. Major Cox, brother of Dr. Cox, who took such a prominent part in South Africa. The gallant hero made a very favorable impression here. He was accompanied by a brother and two cousins.

K. R. McLennan, light-keeper at Point Secour, was in town last week for a few days. Clyde Johnston is home from Moncton for a few holidays.

Late on Sunday evening it became known to our citizens that "Private Bob" Ward of the first contingent was on a special train with the western men returning home, and would be at Newcastle station at eleven o'clock. So every team that could be procured was at once harnessed up and an impromptu reception committee proceeded to Newcastle to bring home our good boy "Bob." Mayor Loggie with several of the aldermen, some officers of the regiment and a host of friends of all classes made up the party which met Ward at the station at Newcastle and made a triumphant midnight entry with him to his native town. The Citizens' band met the cavalcade at the outskirts of Chatham and escorted the procession to the residence of the widowed mother of our hero in Chatham. The meeting between the lad and his family was very affecting, and many of our leading citizens who were present to bid him welcome were much impressed by the scene of which the rugged and hearty, though modest and retiring young soldier was the central figure. It being now nearly one o'clock on Monday morning the band played several lively airs and the crowd, now increased to several hundreds in number, kept itself in the heartiness of its welcome cheer after cheer went up to the midnight stars, and on the appearance of the young hero to thank them all the dingiest corner of the neighborhood was started by the vigorous cries of welcome and why not? Now we have one of our own sons who "played the game" through all the campaign, and Chatham only does her duty by giving him a right hearty and cordial welcome, and that function of welcome has only just begun. Well done brave boy! Many a happy Christmas may you spend and may you always merit the approval of good and loyal subjects of the Queen.

Today the town is decorated with flags and festoons, and the colored drapings, and Ward is the hero of the hour.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 24.—Ex-Warden John Rutherford of Manners-Button died at his home on Friday last of pneumonia. Deceased was 70 years of age, and one of the most widely known and influential residents of his parish. He was a native of England. An invalid widow, three sons and two daughters survive. Mrs. John Harvey of this city is a sister of the deceased. The funeral took place this afternoon and was largely attended.

While walking on York street this morning Frank Kilburn was run over by a horse and sleigh and quite badly hurt. The driver of the equipage was arrested for furious driving, but was subsequently released.

Queen street has been alive all day with crowds of Christmas shoppers, and tonight the crowd on this thoroughfare is immense. Merchants report business as exceedingly good.

The first curling match of the season, president v. vice-president, will be played at the curling rink tomorrow morning and afternoon. In the evening the rink will be thrown open to slaters.

Horse racing will be a very strong attraction here tomorrow. For the past few weeks the speedy ones have been getting into shape, and some lively and interesting brushes are anticipated.

Six more Fredericton soldiers arrived today and were heartily welcomed. They are Sergeant Alfred Sheldon, Privates Jas. Tennant, John Wand, Jess, Stevenson, Wm. Elie and James Robertson. It was not generally known until shortly before the hour that the train is due (9.30) that the boys

were coming, and consequently there was not so large a crowd at the station as on previous occasions. There was, however, a very representative gathering, including the mayor and several members of the city council, Lieut. Col. Dunbar and several officers of No. 4 R. C. R. I. Lieut. Col. Loggie and several officers of the 71st battalion and several of the war volunteers who returned previously. All joined in vigorous cheering at the first sight of the boys, and each was in turn welcomed by the mayor and military officers. They were afterwards driven to the R. C. R. I. barracks in a procession, headed by the five and drum band of that corps, and after being received there with cheers and treated to light refreshments were driven about the town for a while and then to the Barker House, where they were entertained at lunch. Mayor Beckwith presided, and the others were present, including his wife, Mrs. C. G. Dunbar and Loggie and Aldermen Smith, Moore and Merrithew. The six returned soldiers repined suitably.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Jos. Myshral died at her home on Regent street this morning from paralysis, aged 70 years. Deceased had been ill only two weeks. Her husband, two daughters and six sons survive.

HOPEWELL HILL, Dec. 23.—The death occurred at Harvey this week of Mrs. Carter, mother of Mrs. Mary shall Harbour. Deceased was about 70 years of age. The burial took place at Waterside.

The steam grist mill of C. L. Peck has opened for the season. The mill is one of the finest in the province.

On Thursday evening a successful concert was held at the church at Upper New Horton. The programme consisted of choruses and exercises by the Sunday school, address by Rev. Mr. Fletcher and the chairman, Abner Reid, and readings by Miss Julia P. Brewster and A. M. Lewis. The proceeds amounted to \$38.

Leander Elliott has moved into the residence lately vacated by A. C. M. Lawson.

Misses Julia Brewster, Orpah West, Mamie Stewart, and Mrs. A. J. Moore, teachers, are home for the holidays.

NEW HORTON, Albert Co., Dec. 21.—A concert and basket social was held last evening at the New Horton church, and was well attended. The proceeds amounted to \$33, which go towards a new library for the Sunday school.

The semi-annual examination was held this afternoon and was largely attended. The children showed by their ready answers that their teacher, Ethel Duffy of Nauwigawuk, Kings Co., has spared no pains in training her pupils for their kindness and respect towards her. Miss Duffy's sojourn has been a very pleasant one, and she will be greatly missed by the young people. As she leaves for her home all wish her every success in the future.

WHITE-COVE, Dec. 20.—Bridget Reardon, relict of the late John Reardon, White's Cove, died at the residence of her stepson, John D. Reardon, White's Cove, on Tuesday after a short illness of paralysis, aged 64 years. Mrs. Reardon, whose maiden name was Scullion, came from Ireland in the year of 1854 and went to Bellisle, where she lived until she was married, when she moved to this place, where she resided until her death. She was a member of the Roman Catholic church. Her remains were interred in the Roman Catholic cemetery this morning.

A large quantity of hay is being hauled from the intervals at Jemseg by farmers here.

The cold snap of last week froze Grand Lake over, and the ice is now safe for teams.

One night last week some evil disposed person broke open the school house at Robertson's Point and did a considerable damage to the school room and furniture.

Very little cordwood is being cut in this section as yet, but a large quantity of logs and scantling is being hauled in to the Little Lake.

McADAM JUNCTION, Dec. 24.—The advanced department of the McAdam school held its examination on Friday afternoon. After a short recitation, the work of the term programme was carried out as follows: Recitation by Dora Burpee, The Open Door; dialogue, The Irish Schoolmaster, Mack Perkins, James Gardner and Charles Brannen; recitation, Smiling the Rock, Sandy Burpee; dialogue, The Queen Fish, Charles Brannen, James Gardner; recitation, Bingen on the Rhine, Charles Evans; dialogue, Aunt Jemima's Money, Dora Halett, May Wise, Ara Green, Lina Perkins; recitation, The Last Hymn, Glen Ward, assisted by Bessie Burpee; My Picture, Harry Kerr; The Heavenly Guest, Bessie Burpee. The visitors expressed themselves highly pleased with the examination.

On Friday a number of the young folks spent a very pleasant evening in a surprise party at Mrs. W. Week's, the occasion being the anniversary of Mrs. W.'s birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins entertained the scholars of the advanced department on Friday evening. The time was pleasantly spent in games of various kinds.

Mrs. Marston of Benton is visiting her brother, Z. Wright of McAdam. Through the exertion of a few led by Miss Annie Hoyt a Christmas cantata was prepared and given in the church on Saturday evening. A Christmas tree with a treat for the children was provided. Santa Claus in full regalia appeared on the platform and took a hand in the exercises, and at the close of the programme assisted in distributing the treat. Miss Bessie Burpee, who has been organist of the Union church, was presented with a handsome ring by the members of the congregation as a token of their appreciation of her services.

Rev. Mr. Kierstead, who has been

studying in Chicago, spent Sunday, 23rd, at McAdam. He preached morning and evening and was listened to with close attention.

Miss Annie Hoyt, teacher of the primary department, has severed her connection with the staff of teachers. She was well liked by the pupils and will be much missed by the residents.

Miss Phoebe Hoyt, teacher of the intermediate department, assisted by her pupils, had a Christmas tree and treat for the scholars on Friday afternoon as a closing of the term's work.

SACKVILLE, Dec. 24.—Three extremely handsome electrolights with several smaller lights were used for the first time last evening in St. Paul's church with fine effect. A further improvement is the enlargement of the chancel circle with the addition of some artistic woodwork. These improvements are largely due to the indefatigable corps of young ladies who at different times have supplied this church with fine effects. A further improvement is the enlargement of the chancel circle with the addition of some artistic woodwork. These improvements are largely due to the indefatigable corps of young ladies who at different times have supplied this church with fine effects.

The merchants of Sackville have done notably in decorating this year. Specially good are the antique window of Stewart & Co. and the china and shoe display of Geo. C. Ford.

MAUGERVILLE, Dec. 24.—Under the caption of "News and Notes" the creditable administration of the school was reported in the issue of Dec. 22nd that "the apple outlook as a whole remains good," than the corn acreage is the largest ever reported, with all indications for a heavy harvest, that the condition of the oat crop in July is slightly below the average for ten years."

Dr. Philip Cox, Sergt. Cox, Major Cox, Mathew Cox, Miss Maggie Cox, the Miss Ida and Lilly Sharkey and Miss Gertrude Killen came over from Chatham yesterday to spend a short season at home. The Misses Mable and Maude Brown are also home for their holidays. Miss Maude Brown will not return to Lakeside Corner again to teach school, but rumor says Co. has secured her to teach in a town parishioners with a generous donation of all that which tend to make the Christmas merry. Bruce Miles has returned home from his dental studies in Boston to spend Christmas. Miss Sewell will leave for her home in the city, and will return to take charge of her school next term. Miss Bessie White of Ormococt has returned home from an extended visit to St. John. Mrs. Sarah Killen is home from her school at Little Lake.

CLARENDON STATION, Dec. 24.—A pile sawed in the hall on Thursday evening, Dec. 20, for the purpose of raising money to repair the school house. Owing to the fine night and exceedingly good sleighing the house was crowded. The programme consisted of recitations, dialogues, and choruses. Mrs. Noble Johnson presided at the organ, while F. Monaghan of St. John played the violin accompaniment. A good time was enjoyed by all, and the sum of \$31 was realized.

Messrs. Barnhill and Cushing of St. John are carrying on an extensive lumber business in this place. Upwards of eighty men are employed. Nearly all of them returned to their homes on Saturday to spend Christmas with their families.

SHEPPARD, Dec. 22.—Alderman McMullin of north end, St. John, has a team hauling lumber this winter at Upper Gaagetown.

Robert Cox, who died at Newcastle this week, was the possessor of a good deal of property. Q. Co., that consisted of a farm, a mill and an extensive coal mine which will now be disposed of, and the proceeds from the sale will be divided among his six children.

There is a good demand in these parts now for teams among the lumbermen. Pressed hay is in more demand than it has been for some years past.

W. Duncan Bridges of Tilley's Landing has been taking the advantage of the last heavy fall of snow to break into harness his six year old colt—a Sandy Morris. He is a good one.

The officers and deck hands of the Star line steamers, who have been working on the steamer David Weston from a migration closed, arrived at their Sheffield homes today via Fredericton.

ANDOVER, N. B., Dec. 24.—Ezekiel Hutchinson, one of the grand old men of Victoria county, passed away at his home in Andover, N. B., on Friday. Mr. Hutchinson was a young man who came to this county from Wicklow, Carleton Co., and settled on the Tobique river, and for many years was extensively engaged in farming and lumbering. Some twenty years ago he moved from the Tobique to Perth Centre and afterwards to Andover. He leaves a widow and three children—Penwick Hutchinson of Glendon, Min., Mrs. Alonzo Fisher of Miramichi, and Mrs. Carrie Armstrong of Perth Centre. Mr. Hutchinson was a prominent and influential citizen, and was loved and respected by all. The funeral on Sunday was an unusually large one, and was conducted by the Masonic brotherhood, of which the deceased was a member. Rev. Spicer Greig held a short service at the house, assisted by Rev. W. Demmings. Deceased was buried in the Methodist burying ground

alongside of his son, who was killed six years ago at Plaster Rock. Mrs. Hutchinson and family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends. Among those from a distance who came to attend the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hutchinson and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ebbett of Houlton, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hutchinson, Miss Helen Hutchinson and Robert Hutchinson of Wicklow; Mrs. Samuel Vandyne, Tobique river, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fisher, Fort Fairfield, Me.

The schools closed on Friday. A large number of visitors were present at the closing exercises. The principal, Arthur Shea, has gone to his home in Fredericton for the vacation.

C. Le Baron Miles, C. E., has returned from Campbellton to spend Christmas with his family.

Andover can boast of a number of college students. Those home for the vacation are Harold Perley and Roy Murphy of the U. N. B.; Herbert Baird, Miss May Green, Perth Centre, Miss Laura Hopkins, Arnostook Junction, of the Wolfville institutions; Miss Lena Baird of the Royal Victoria, Seminary, Montreal, and Charles Hopkins, Arnostook Junction, of McGill Medical College.

James E. Porter, M. P. F., is to start his new grist mill after Christmas.

The sleighing is good, the weather is fine, and the stores are doing a good Christmas trade.

CAMPOBELLLO, Char. Co., Dec. 24.—The young ladies of the junior sewing circle held a Christmas party and refreshments on Tuesday evening in the new hall. The sum of \$24 was realized at the sale.

The parsonage that has been built during the summer at Wilson's Beach is about completed, and family will occupy it this year. The house is a fine building, and merits an industrious congregation who have been successful in raising the money to build it.

Work has begun in the lobster factory here owned by E. A. Holmes of Eastport.

Capt. Shepherd Mitchell is to sail a yacht for the Kuhn family around the West Indies, where that family intend to spend the winter.

Word has been received here announcing the death of James Roseveit of New York. Mr. Roseveit owns a fine cottage here, and his beautiful yacht for a number of summers has graced the waters of Passamaquoddy.

SALMON ORBEEK, Dec. 24.—Family gatherings and socials are the order of the day.

Wedding invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Nellie Porter and Henry Wishart on the evening of the 26th.

Rev. D. Clark will hold communion services in the Chipman church the first Sabbath of the new year.

A great many have been suffering from an attack of grippe.

Guyas Hukerman had his hand badly hurt while in the lumber woods.

The special music rendered in the Baptist and Presbyterian churches yesterday reflects much credit to organists and choirs.

SALISBURY, Dec. 26.—The weather here on Christmas was all that could be desired.

A. C. M. Lawson, the new principal of the Salisbury schools, moved here with his family from Hopewell Hill on Saturday. They will occupy the house owned by Mrs. Eliza Smith.

Among the Salisbury boys holding positions abroad who were home for Christmas were: B. A. Lester, traveling salesman for Emerson & Fisher, St. John; Ceward Baird, of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, Sackville, and Robert D. Wilmot, with the J. R. Ayer Co., Sackville.

J. Arthur McMillan, medical student of McGill University, and Walton Trites, son of Railway Contractor A. E. Trites, studying at Mount Allison College, are home for the Christmas vacation.

Ex-Warden Early Kay has sold his small grocery business here to Valentine Burnham.

Rev. Frank Patterson, son of the late Henry Patterson, is spending some days here looking after the winding up of his father's estate.

Section Foreman George Wilmot, who met with a severe driving accident while in Moncton last Sunday morning. He has had a bad shaking up and will likely be confined to the house for several weeks.

YARMOUTH, N. S., Dec. 26.—John Higby was fatally shot yesterday by the accidental discharge of a fowling piece standing four paces from the gun and the charge took a gaping hole in his side, which emptied the life of blood. Higby was twenty-seven years old and leaves a widow and child.

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P. E. ISLAND.

Smoked Herring to be Featured at Georgetown Next Year.

Presbyterian Matters—Sons of Scotland—Natural History Society—General News.

(From our own correspondent.)

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 21.—At the last meeting of Prince Edward Island Preceptory Knights Templar in this city the following officers were elected: E. M. Preceptor, W. A. Beaman; constable, Benj. Rogers, sr.; marshal, J. L. Thompson; treas., Dr. R. McNeill; registrar, Benj. Rogers, jr.; sub-marshal, W. H. Batt.

His friends here are pleased to learn that David Burke, formerly of Charlottetown, has been appointed general manager of the Royal Victoria Life Insurance company of Canada. Mr. Burke is a brother of Richard Burke of Charlottetown.

The sympathy of the community throughout the P. E. Island was expressed at the death of their little girl Tora, aged eight years. The mother with her three children had been attending an entertainment, and on their return after leaving the street car upon which they rode and unconscious of the approach of another car in the darkness little Tora was caught under the wheels and sustained the injury of a broken leg. Amputation was necessary, but the shock was so severe that death ensued a few hours later. Mrs. Hall is a daughter of the late John Knight of Saur.

At the second quarterly official meeting of Grace church the pastor, Rev. J. W. McConnell, received a hearty invitation to remain a third year. Mr. McConnell accepted the invitation subject to the approval of conference.

At the regular meeting of Court Cabot, I. O. F., Summerside, held last evening, the following officers were elected for the coming year: H. E. C. R., A. E. Gay, V. C. R., A. M. McKay, chaplain; W. S. Bearisot, F. S.; D. K. Currie, treas.; Lemuel Fowler, R. S.; John Dobson, S. W.; J. B. Baker, J. W.; R. S. Romeke, S. E.; James Crockett, J. S.; Dr. A. McNeill, C. Phys.; J. E. C. Baker, C. D., H. C. R.

The officers will be installed at the regular meeting Friday evening, Dec. 28th.

Mrs. John Williams of this city received a telegram a few days ago from Perth Amboy, N. J., announcing the death of her brother, Alexander Rankin. No particulars were given. The deceased was a son of the late Alexander Rankin, formerly of Alberton. This is the first break in a family of ten.

Jessie Gordon of Brudenell died on Tuesday at the P. E. Island hospital as a result of an operation for appendicitis performed ten days previously. She was in her eighteenth year, and was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Gordon. The remains are interred in Brudenell cemetery.

The death occurred at St. Peter's road, Kings, on the 15th inst., of James K. Ferguson, aged 90 years. He was held in great respect in the community.

The industry of smoking herring, an important industry, is to be started at Georgetown next spring, and buildings to that end are now being erected on a large scale. The promoter is G. F. Newton, a large fish dealer of Grand Manan. He has leased the eastern side of A. A. McDonald Bros.' wharf, where buildings are now being erected by Messrs. Guipille and Brown, who have had a long experience in business in Grand Manan. One building is already completed and will be used for salting and stringing the fish preparatory to the smoking operation. This building contains nine tanks with a total capacity of 600 barrels. There are also two stringing rooms, each about twenty-four by seven. The whole process of smoking and hardening the fish takes from two to three months. The Georgetown establishment will have a capacity of from 85,000 to 100,000 boxes of the ordinary Philip herring fish. Mr. Newton, the promoter of the enterprise, is one of the largest dealers on the Bay of Fundy coast, and handles between 75,000 and 100,000 boxes yearly. Grand Manan Island is said to contain from three hundred to four hundred smoke houses, which export, principally to the United States, about 8,000,000 boxes annually.

Last Friday evening James Caruthers of North Bedeque was written on by a delegation from the session of the Presbyterian church and presented with a valuable fur coat and mitts in recognition of his valuable services as leader of the choir for many years.

At the last meeting of the P. E. Island Presbytery the resignation of Rev. John Gillis of Murray Harbor, north, was received and accepted.

The death of Charles Leard of Tryon Point occurred last Saturday (Friday). He leaves three sons, one in the United States; F. H. Leard of Messrs. W. Sinclair and Stewart, Summerside, and Smith Leard at home.

J. R. Colwell left yesterday morning on return to Seattle, via Boston and New York. He was here on a short visit to his relatives.

Mary Ashley, teacher in Prince Street school, has obtained leave of absence from the board till the 30th of Philip. She will spend her holidays on a trip to the United States. Miss Edith Finlayson is her substitute.

At Wednesday night's meeting of Camp Ardyour, Sons of Scotland, the following officers were elected: Chief, W. D. Small; chaplain, James Paton; past chief, W. A. Stewart; chaplain, S. A. McDonald; recording secretary, Lorne Robertson; fin. sec'y, Ewen Cameron; treasurer, D. Dickie; marshals, M. Gillis; standard bearer, J. N. Sutherland; senior guard, David

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McKinnon; junior guard, Ronald McDonald; Wylson, Dr. McLaughlin; piper, P. D. Ferguson; trustees, W. D. Ross, R. Mason, H. McEwen. John H. McDonald of Nine Mile Creek was married Wednesday to Ruth Betts of the same place. Rev. Daniel McLean performed the ceremony. James McDonald acted as groomsmen, and Julia McDonald as bridesmaid.

The following officers were elected at the last meeting of the Natural History and Antiquarian Society: President, Dr. Anderson; vice-president, Dr. Morrison; second vice-president, Mrs. C. C. Gardiner; secretary, W. E. Bentley; treasurer, H. J. Cundall.

The residence of J. W. Brown, a well known merchant of Tyne Valley, caught fire a few nights ago and narrowly escaped being totally destroyed. Fortunately, one of Mr. Brown's daughters discovered the fire in time to have it checked.

Sergeant H. Macdonald of the P. E. Island mounted police has received a letter from his son, Thomas, of the North West Mounted Police. There are two feet of snow at Tagish and the temperature is 30 below.

A few weeks out a few mornings ago in the cabin of the schooner Stanley Mac, owned by C. Lyons. The captain lost all his charts, his gold watch and some clothes.

W. W. Baker of Summerside and Ethel M. Cannon of St. Eleanor's were married Wednesday evening by Rev. J. M. Withycombe. Wesley Craswell acted as groomsmen and Miss Andrew as bridesmaid.

On Saturday evening the employees of the mechanical department of the P. E. Island railway presented S. F. Hodgson, mechanical accountant and store keeper, with an address and a handsome gold headed cane.

MONTRÉAL, Dec. 26.—When T. G. Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., was shown the statement that the road was about to acquire the Kingston and Pembroke railway, he said:—"The C. P. R. is not buying railways just now. There is no truth in the story."

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"GOD IS LOVE."

Dr. Talmage Speaks From This Great Text.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage describes in a new way the sacrifice made for the world's iniquities and deliverance. His text is 1 John iv. 19, "God is love."

Perilous undertaking would it be to attempt a comparison between the attributes of God. They are not like a mountain range, nor like the ocean, with a higher peak, nor like the depth, we cannot measure infinities. We would not dare to say whether his omnipotence, or omniscience, or omnipresence, or immutability, or wisdom, or justice, or love is the greater attribute, but the one mentioned in my text makes deeper impression upon us than any other. It was evidently a very old man who wrote the chapter from which I take the text. John was not in his dotage, as Professor Eichhorn asserted, but you can tell by the repetitions in the epistle and the rambling style and that he called grown people "little children" that the author was probably an octogenarian. Yet Paul, in his magnificent epistle to the Athenians, speaks of Mars, hill, said nothing stronger or more important than did the venerable John when he wrote the three words of my text, "God is love."

Indeed, the older one gets the more he appreciates this attribute. The harshness and the combativeness and the severity have gone out of the old man, and he is more lenient and aware of his own faults, is more disposed to make excuses for the faults of others, and he frequently ejaculates, "Eh, human nature!" The young minister preached three sermons on the justice of God and on the love of God, but when he got old he preached three sermons on the love of God and on the justice of God.

Far back in the eternities there came a time when God would express one emotion of his nature which was yet unexpressed. He had made more worlds than were seen by the ancients from the top of the Egyptian pyramid, which was used as an observatory, and more worlds than modern astronomy has catalogued or described through telescopic lens. All that showed the Lord's almightiness, but it gave no demonstration of his love. He might make 50 Saturns and a hundred Jupiters and not demonstrate an instant of love. That was an unknown passion and the secret of the universe. It was a suppressed emotion of the great God. But there would come a time when this passion of infinite love would be declared and illustrated. God would veil it no longer. After the clock of many centuries had run down and worlds had been born and demolished on a comparatively obscure star a race of human beings would be born and who, though so humbly provided for that they ought to have behaved themselves well, went into insurrection and conspiracy, and revolt and war—finite against infinite, weak arm against thunderbolt, man against God.

CHRIST'S DESCENT TO EARTH. If high intelligence looked down and saw what was going on, they must have prophesied extermination, complete extermination, of those offenders of Jehovah. But not who is that coming out of the "throne" room of heaven? Who is that descending into the palaces of the eternal? Is it the Son of the Emperor of the universe. Down the stairs of the high heavens he comes till he reaches the cold air of a December night in Palestine and the angels and the hundreds of millions of cattle and the moaning of camels and the banter of the herdsmen takes his first sleep on earth and for 33 years invites the wandering race to return to God and happiness and heaven. They were the longest, 33 years over known in heaven. Among many high intelligences, what impatience to get him back! The infinite Father looked down and saw his Son slapped and spit on and supercilious and homeless, and then, amid horrors that made the moon and stars turn black in the face, his body and soul parted. And all for what? Why all this errand and endure such sorrow and die such a death? It was to invite the human race to put down its antipathies and resistance. It was because "God is love."

Now, there is nothing beautiful in a shipwreck. We go down to look at the battered and split hull of an old ship on a Long Island or New Jersey coast. It excites our interest. We wonder when and how it came ashore and whether it was the recklessness of a pilot or a storm before which nothing could bear up. Human nature wrecked may interest the inhabitants of other worlds as a curiosity, but there is nothing lovely in that which has foundered on the rocks of sin and sorrow. Yet it was in that condition of moral wreckage that heaven moved to the rescue. It was love's hand hovering over deformity. It was the lifeboat putting out into the surf that attempted its demolition. It was harmony pitying discord. It was a living God putting his arms around a recumbent world. The schoolmen deride the idea that God has emotion. They think it would be a divine weakness to be stirred by a earthly spectacle. The God of the learned Bruch and Schellermacher is an innate intelligence, without feelings, a cold and cheerless divinity. But the God we worship is one of sympathy and compassion and helpfulness and affection. "God is love."

In all the Bible there is no more consolatory statement. The very best people have in their lives occurrences inexplicable. They are bereft or persecuted or impoverished or invalidated. They have only one child, and that dies, while the next-door neighbor has seven children, and they are all spared. The unfortunate buy at a time when the market is rising, and the day after the market falls. At a time when

they need to feel the best, for the discharge of some duty they are seized with physical collapse. Trying to do a good and honest and useful thing, they are misrepresented and belied as if they had practiced a villainy. There are people who all their lives have suffered injustices. Others of less talent, with less consecration, go on and up, while they go on and down. There are in many lives riddles that have never been solved, mysteries that have never been explained, heartbreaks that have never been healed. Go to that man or that woman with philosophic explanation, and you will make matters worse instead of making them better. But let the oceanic tide of the text roll in that soul and all its worriment and losses and disasters will be submerged with blessing, and the sufferer will say: "I cannot understand the reason for my troubles, but I will some day understand. And they do not come by accident. God allows them to come, and 'God is love.'"

THE WORLD'S WICKEDNESS. But for this divine feeling I think our world would long ago have been demolished. Just think of the organized wickedness of the nations! Behold the abominations continental! Behold the story of how good and great they have been blamed for wrongs or over the heavens has ever been so much slandered as God. Bad men have fought against him and have thought they heard his voice in the crash of a thunderstorm, but have not seen him in the sunshine of the spring morning. They have blasphemed the heavens which they had done themselves. The sight of a church building excites their disgust. They like the madrigal of a saloon better than the dogmaty of a temple. They do not want to live with him in heaven, but would prefer to leave this world to go into some realm where God has abdicated the throne and from which he is exiled forever. The reason is, they do not know him. They do not realize the fact that God is the best friend this world ever had. The evil will have and that he would do more for their happiness than any one in the wide universe; that he would help them in the wear and tear and tussle of this life; that he would help them in their sorrows; that he would help them in their griefs; that he would help them in their struggles; that he would help them in their request not only forgive but forget the wrong things in their life. Yes, forget! And that is the only thing that God ever does forget—pardoned transgressions. He does not forget the love is God's memory, and he remembers all that has transpired in all time and in all eternity save one kind of occurrence. That passes completely out of his memory. He declares, "Their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."

PROOF THAT GOD IS LOVE. Do you want more proof that "God is love"? Yes, disinterested love. No reward for his sacrifices. But I call that back. The world did pay him. It paid him on Calvary, paid him with sweat and blood and tears, and with two for the hands and two for the feet, and one spear for the side near the heart; paid him in excretion; paid him with straw pillow in a barn and a cross on a hill; paid him with a third part of a century of maltreatment and hardships save one year—yes, it paid him yet in rejection of his mission of mercy. Having dethroned other kings, the world would like to dethrone the King of kings. But he knows what he is doing in what he left. The portals of pearl and the land where sin never goes down. Yes, he knew the world, how cold it is, and the night, how dark it is, and explanation, how exasperating it is. Out of vast eternity he looked and lifted the chain of captivity, and the criminal courtroom, and the rocky bluff with three crosses, and the lacerated body in mortuary surroundings, and heard the thunders toll at the funeral of heaven's favorite, and understood that the millions of eternities would hear the sorrow of a bereft God.

What do the Bible and the church liturgies mean when they say, "He descended into hell"? They mean that his soul left his sacred body for awhile and went down into the prison of mental night, and swung back its great door and lifted the chain of captivity, and felt the awful lash that would have come down on the world's back, and wept the tears of an eternal sacrifice, and took the bolt of divine indignation against sin into himself, and the world's sin was made manifest, and came out and came up, having achieved an eternal rescue if we will accept it. Read it slowly, read it solemnly, read it with tears. "He descended into hell." He knew what kind of pay he would give for his exchanging celestial splendor for Bethlehem's carpenter's shop, and he dared all and came, the most illustrious example in all the ages of disinterested love.

It was the most expensive love. There is much human love in the world, nothing of fatigue, nothing of humiliation. But the most expensive movement that the heavens ever made was this expedition salvatory. It cost the life of a King. It put the throne of God in bereavement. It set the universe aghast. It made omnipotence weep and bleed and shudder. It taxed the resources of the richest of all empires. It meant angelic forces descending to fight forces demonic, it put three worlds into sharp collision, one world to save, another to resist and another to destroy. It charged on the spears and rang with the battleaxes of human and diabolic hate. Had the apostolic hand unrolled that scroll and let out upon the world the startling fact, which it could never have surmised, never guessed, never expected, that he loved our human race so ardently that he will pardon sin and subdue the offender with a divine kiss and turn foaming malefactors into worshippers before the throne. Oh, I am so glad that the secret is out! Tell it to all the slandering, suffering, grieving, tell it in song and sermon, on canvas and in marble, on arch and pil-

lar; tell it all around the earth—"God is love."

THE DOMINATION OF FEAR. Notice that the wisest men of the nations for thousands of years did not, amid their illustrious names, something to represent this feeling, this emotion. They had a Jove, representing might; Neptune, the god of the sea; Minerva, the goddess of wisdom; Venus, the goddess of love, and an Odin, and an Adonis, and a Titan, and a Juggernaut, and whole pantheons of gods and goddesses, but no shrine, no carved image, no sculptured form has suggested a god of pure love. That was beyond human brain. It took a God to think that, a God to project that, a God to lead down from heaven to teach the world.

Fear is the dominant thought in all false religions. For that the devotees cut themselves with lances and swing on iron hooks and fall under wheels and hold up the right arm so long that they cannot make it down. They brush fear! But love is the queen in our religion. For that we build temples. For that we kneel at our altars. For that we contribute our alms. For that martyrs suffered at Brussels and Calvary and Fieschi. They will yet bejewel the round earth and put it an emerald on the great, warm, throbbing heart of God.

THE WORLD'S WICKEDNESS. But for this divine feeling I think our world would long ago have been demolished. Just think of the organized wickedness of the nations! Behold the abominations continental! Behold the story of how good and great they have been blamed for wrongs or over the heavens has ever been so much slandered as God. Bad men have fought against him and have thought they heard his voice in the crash of a thunderstorm, but have not seen him in the sunshine of the spring morning. They have blasphemed the heavens which they had done themselves. The sight of a church building excites their disgust. They like the madrigal of a saloon better than the dogmaty of a temple. They do not want to live with him in heaven, but would prefer to leave this world to go into some realm where God has abdicated the throne and from which he is exiled forever. The reason is, they do not know him. They do not realize the fact that God is the best friend this world ever had. The evil will have and that he would do more for their happiness than any one in the wide universe; that he would help them in the wear and tear and tussle of this life; that he would help them in their sorrows; that he would help them in their griefs; that he would help them in their struggles; that he would help them in their request not only forgive but forget the wrong things in their life. Yes, forget! And that is the only thing that God ever does forget—pardoned transgressions. He does not forget the love is God's memory, and he remembers all that has transpired in all time and in all eternity save one kind of occurrence. That passes completely out of his memory. He declares, "Their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."

ECHOING BACK DIVINE LOVE. Now, the only fair thing for human hearts to do is to echo back that sovereign love. You and I have stood in

mountainous region where, uttering one distinct word the echoes would come back with a romance startling and captivating, and from all our hearts these shouts would arise: "Heaven's responses glorious and long continued. Let the world change its style of payment for heavenly love. No more payment by lances, by hammer; no more payment by blows on the cheek and scourging on the back, and hooding of mobs, but payment in ardors of soul, in true surrender of the heart and love to the God that made us and the Christ who ransomed us and the eternal spirit who by regenerating power makes us all over again.

Alexander the Great, with his host, was marching on Jerusalem to capture and plunder it. The inhabitants came out, clothed in white, led on by the high priest, wearing a mitre and glittering breastplate on which was embossed the name of God, and Alexander, seeing that word, bowed and halted his army, and the city was saved, and if we had the love of God written in our hearts and on all our lives and on all our banners at the sight of the hosts of temptation would fall back, and we would go on from victory unto victory, until we stood in Zion and before God.

Leander swam across the Hellespont guided by the light which Hero the Fair held from one of her tower windows. Hellesponts of earthly struggle can we not tread, but we can see the touch of divine love held out from the tower windows of the King! Let love of God to us and our love to God clasp hands this minute. O ye classified and distressed souls, who roam the world over looking for happiness and finding none, why not try this love of God as a solace and inspiration and eternal satisfaction? When a king was crossing a desert in caravan, no water was to be found, and man and beast were perishing from thirst. Along the way were strewn the bones of caravans that had preceded. There were harts or reindeer in the king's procession, and someone knew their keen scent for water and cried out, "They have the harts or reindeer!" It was done, and no sooner were these creatures loosed than they went scurrying in all directions looking for water and soon found it, and the king and his caravan were saved, and the king wrote on scrolls the words which he had read before, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God."

Some have compared the love of God to the ocean, but the comparison fails, for the ocean has a shore, and God's love is boundless. But if you insist on comparing the love of God to the ocean, let us on that ocean four swift sailing craft, and let one sail to the north, and one to the south, and one to the east, and one to the west, and let them sail on a thousand years, and after that let the wind return and some one hail the fleet and ask the helmsman, "Where found the shore of God's love and their four voices will respond: "No shore! No shore to the ocean of God's mercy!"

BIRTHS. KING—On December 26th, to the wife of Harry J. King, north end, a son.

MARRIAGES. DUNFIELD-GODDARD—At the Baptist parsonage, Sussex, N. B., Dec. 24th, 1890, by Rev. Wm. Camp, Edward Delaney Goddard to Miss Eliza Lury Goddard, both of Springdale, Kings county, N. B.

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GRASS-SMITH—At Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 14th, by Rev. Dr. Donald Grass, Jane Smith, both of Dunbrun, Sunbury Co., N. B.

KERR-McDONALD—At the home of N. I. Kerr, Canine, N. B., Dec. 26th, James Kerr of St. John, to Miss Julia McDonald of Canine, N. B.

LONDON-BROWN—At 181 Waterford street, Dec. 24th, by Rev. C. T. Phillips, Charles F. London to Miss Elizabeth A. Brown, both of London, N. B.

LOBBAN-BURRIDGE—At Chatham, N. B., Dec. 19th, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Lobban, James Wright Lobban to Miss Mary E. fourth daughter of Henry Burrige, all of Chatham.

McKEEN-LATTON—At St. Andrew's church, Newcastle, Northumberland Co., N. B., Dec. 24th, by Rev. Dr. Donald Grass, McKean, proprietor of the Waverley Hotel, Newcastle, to Miss Eliza Layton, daughter of G. L. Layton, Newcastle, N. B.

PERKINS-ANDERSON—At the Baptist parsonage, Sussex, N. B., Dec. 24th, by Rev. Wm. Camp, Perkins Anderson to Miss Frances Anderson of Ward's Creek, N. B.

SPRAGG-POLKINGHAM—At the residence of G. S. Black, Main street, on Dec. 22nd, by Rev. David Long, Wm. A. Spragg to Flora Polkingham, both of St. John.

DEATHS. HAMFORD—At St. David Ridge, N. B., Dec. 27th, William Bamford, aged 67 years, Dec. 20th days.

SHIP NEWS. PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Dec 24—Sch Domain, 51, Wilson, from Montreal, N. B., via Halifax, N. S.

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Dec 34—Sch Domain, 51, Wilson, from Montreal, N. B., via Halifax, N. S.

GREAT SLAUGHTER SALE!

A New Stock of Hardware at Prices Below Cost. Having purchased the stock of Hardware of G. H. Burnett & Co., Ltd., at 45 Germain Street, it will be sold out at prices regardless of cost.

A. M. ROWAN, - 331 Main St.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Dec 24—Sch Domain, 51, Wilson, from Montreal, N. B., via Halifax, N. S.

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MEMORANDA.

BROW HEAD, Dec 23—Passed, str Lake Ontario, from St. John, N. B., via Halifax, N. S.

VINYARD HAVEN, Dec 23—Passed, str. S. M. Flumer, from Grand Manan, N. B.

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